THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

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WRIT PETITION No.21375 of 2005

30.9.2005

Between:

D.Adam Saheb, S/o.Musthafar Saheb, Lorry Owner,

Old Exchange Street, Pichatur, Chittoor District.

… Petitioner

AND

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor East (WL) Division,

Chittoor. And another

… Respondents

ORDER:

The petitioner's mini lorry bearing No.AP 03-U-0001 was seized by the second respondent on 07.9.2005, as it was allegedly involved in committing a forest offence. The petitioner submitted a representation to the first respondent seeking interim custody of the lorry. The first respondent did not immediately pass orders. Therefore, the present writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the application filed by the petitioner.

After hearing the learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Forests, this Court is of considered opinion that interest of justice would be served by directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the claim petition filed by the petitioner in connection with the mini lorry bearing No.AP 03-U-0001 seized by the second respondent. The first respondent is, accordingly, directed to pass appropriate orders on the application of the petitioner and also complete necessary confiscation proceedings. This exercise may be completed within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition, with the above observations and directions, is disposed of. No costs.

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September 30, 2005. (**V.V.S.RAO,J**)

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